



WINGS SPREAD

Wingman Day: *Airmen taking care of fellow Airmen*

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Today is Wingman Day and the start of Operation Summer Survivor for the 12th Flying Training Wing.

Wingman Day is a day set aside in each Air Force unit at the direction of the chief of staff to emphasize face-to-face relationships at work, in the office and in recreational settings.

The day follows the concept of the combat formation wingman who protects his fellow flight members, which is similar to everyday relationships people share in the workplace. These relationships help foster an attitude of sharing and caring, resulting in Airmen taking care of Airmen.

"A fundamental part in developing Airmen is seizing every opportunity to cultivate a wingman mentality in those we entrust to fulfill the Air Force mission," said Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, in announcing the command's observance.

The wingman mentality includes encouraging people to practice personal risk management and to focus on their physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being.

Most wing offices today are minimally manned, opening late or closed except for emergencies so people can take part in the day's activities.

The featured speaker at the safety awareness briefings is well-known motivational speaker, Vern Holder. Mr. Holder uses humor and "unbelievable" card tricks as aids to encourage people to maintain a sense of personal responsibility for themselves and others as a way of life.

Headquarters AETC had Wingman Day Thursday to officially kick-off the command's Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge, this year's title for the 101 Critical Days program. This program has been a part of Air Force life for more than 40 years.

12th FTW Wingman Day Operations - Today

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Senior Airman James Walejewski, a member of the Randolph Honor Guard, polishes his sword for formal ceremonies. The swords are polished and inspected prior to each use. See the entire Honor Guard story on page 9. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Operation Summer Survivor heats up with kick-off

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge campaign kicks off today and runs through Sept. 5.

"The name of the campaign changed from 101 Critical Days of Summer as a result of feedback command received from troops in the field," said Linda Howlett, safety office ground safety manager. "The focus of this year's kick-off includes suicide prevention, taking care of one another and being a better wingman."

"We want to keep our Team Randolph members safe during the upcoming holidays and the summer months," said Ms. Howlett. "Safety is our number one concern, whether people are working, taking a vacation or just staying at home. That is the goal of the campaign."

Part of the campaign is the basewide Battle of the Groups competition between the 12th Medical Group, 12th Mission Support Group, 12th Operations Group and the 12th Maintenance Directorate.

The goal of the competition is for the organizations to gather as many points as they can by performing different safety checks or safety related events around

base. For example, said Ms. Howlett, organizations can pass out safety related materials at the base exchange, perform seatbelt safety checks, host a safety luncheon or barbecue, hand out flyers or put together a safety presentation to earn points for their office.

"The ideas are endless, but all of the ideas have to be approved by the safety office before they are carried out," said Ms. Howlett. "The more people the groups come in contact with, the more points they receive."

The safety office looks for originality, content and presentation when judging the activities. There is no

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12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Pilot Instructor Training										
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	562nd FTS		563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
99th FTS	3.0	1.1	Air Force	222	Undergraduate	38	T-1A	7686.2	7808.6	12,184
558th FTS	3.0	1.9	Navy	53	International	13	T-6A	10904.0	11187.4	17,290
559th FTS	-1.4	1.2	International	3	EWC Course	0	T-37B	5765.7	5980.6	8,444
560th FTS	1.9	2.3	NIFT	19	Fundamentals	0	T-38C	6033.9	6070.4	10,204
							T-43	2709.7	2719.5	4,293
Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.			Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.				The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.			

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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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Let us honor our fallen heroes

By Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

On a street in the village of Waterloo, N.Y., a historical marker signifies an important American event. It reads, in part, "On May 5, 1866, the residents of Waterloo held the first complete, community-wide observance of Memorial Day. They dedicated the entire day to honoring the Civil War dead in a solemn and patriotic manner. Throughout the village, flags, draped in mourning, flew at half mast. Ladies prepared wreaths and bouquets for each veteran's grave. Businesses closed, and veterans, civic organizations and townspeople marched to the strains of martial music to the village cemeteries. There, with reverent prayers and patriotic ceremonies, the tradition of Memorial Day was born."

One hundred years later, in May 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Congress officially recognized the village as the birthplace of Memorial Day. Today, nearly 140 years since the patriotic citizens of Waterloo first honored their war dead, Americans still observe the tradition of solemnly and

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reverently gathering each Memorial Day, with flags at half-mast, to visit cemeteries and hold ceremonies dedicated to our nation's fallen heroes. It's fitting the observance began in a community that today has just over 5,000 residents, for it is from the small villages and boroughs of this country that patriots first took up arms to gain our nation's independence. More than 42 million Americans have served in the military since the Revolutionary War and some 650,000

have died in combat, including more than 1,600 since March 2003 in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. As President George Bush said earlier this month among the white crosses marking the graves of American World War II soldiers in the Netherlands, they "did not live to comb gray hair." Certainly, though, the sacrifice of our nation's war dead has ensured hundreds of millions of people live today to a ripe old age in a homeland free of tyranny, which might not be the case had our military failed in combat.

While we memorialize our war heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, we also celebrate the lives they led as Americans, willing to serve for the betterment of all citizens. They, like you, weave the patriotic fabric that blankets our nation in a freedom no other country on Earth enjoys.

Francis Marion Crawford wrote, "They fell, but o'er their glorious grave, floats free the banner of the cause they died to save."

I encourage you to participate in the Memorial Day observances in the community this weekend. We owe that to our fallen heroes. And let us remember them fondly not just on Monday, but always.

Embracing change with positive attitude

By Maj. Kevin Payne
435th Communications Squadron

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – We've all heard the saying, "The only thing constant is change." Despite the fact that change is always occurring around us, some people don't like change and often resist it as much as possible.

Resistance can easily evolve into negative behavior that affects performance. Even worse, negative behavior can become contagious and spread through a unit.

Adapting to change is essential for a unit to maintain high morale and to effectively accomplish the mission.

When I entered the Air Force in 1992 after the Cold War ended, a massive military manpower reduction was under way and large reorganizations were taking place. Thirteen years later, we easily can see that those changes to our force structure were necessary.

For example, integrating the Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command into the Air Combat Command was a smart move to better integrate combat operations. During that

transition, however, there were many skeptics and a lot of uncertainty.

Unfortunately, it is hard to always embrace organizational change while it is occurring because most of us don't want to modify our work environment.

But, change happens. The Air Force must change the way it organizes, trains and equips Airmen in order to adapt to changing threats, political climate and technology. Unit reorganizations, force shaping and base closures may appear negative at first but, given time, the benefits shine through.

We must not only adapt quickly when a change occurs but also learn to see it coming. This is why companies that foresee the changing economic market and respond to it succeed, whereas companies that refuse to change ultimately fail.

The Air Force and major commands will continue to reorganize in order to better accomplish the mission. We need to look at the overall benefits change brings and do our part to ensure its implementation occurs seamlessly.

Embrace change with a positive attitude. Working together as a cohesive team will ensure our continued success as the world leader in air and space power.

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Base organizations, member garner AETC awards

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Two 12th Services Division organizations and one Randolph member were recently awarded 2005 Air Education and Training Command Services Program and Flight Awards.

The human resources office and enlisted club were the organizational winners, while Sharon McDaniel, 12th Flying Training Wing protocol officer, was awarded the George Washington Excellence in Protocol award.

The Randolph Human Resources Office has a variety of jobs available for on base organizations such as the bowling center, youth center or lodging.

The office successfully developed the first non-appropriated fund Web site enabling people to apply for job vacancies online. Managers have the chance to review applications through this Web site as well.

"The office has enhanced recruitment efforts by aggressively participating in more than seven local job fairs this past year," said Terrye Heagerty, 12th Services Division director.

The human resources office provides service to more than 21 services activities, which includes more than 450 non-appropriated fund employees, in addition to 189 non-appropriated fund employees assigned to the Air Force Services Agency in San Antonio.

The office accepted more than 5,900 applications last year, filling more than 280 positions.

"The human resources office gives the base top shelf results," said Ms. Heagerty.

The enlisted club features a multi-use special function room, a Nite Club, a pub, a deck and a dining room with a variety of menus. They also have a barbershop available.

"Expertly serving the largest enlisted club membership in the command has made the Randolph Enlisted Club the most successful club in AETC," said Ms. Heagerty.



Rose Semersky, cook leader, chops vegetables to prepare for a meal at the enlisted club. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Football Frenzy, the annual Monday night football program, is one of the biggest programs it hosts.

"The enlisted club took the Air Force program and added nine additional programs to it, which has grown to include Saturday college games and Sunday NFL games," said Ms. Heagerty. "Superbowl Sunday became so popular that attendees had to earn a seat through a contest."

Training is a big part of the enlisted club's program. The staff members completed more than 80 scheduled training classes outside the facility, which covered catering information, bingo and food preparation.

The enlisted club is the most profitable in AETC,

with food sales up more than \$3,000 a month and dining profits up by \$6,000 a year. The base enlisted club tops all other AETC enlisted clubs in sales, revenue and profits, has the highest inventory turnover, lowest dining labor costs and highest dining room profits, said Ms. Heagerty.

Merilyn Gove, enlisted club manager, said the club was successful because of the staff's commitment to quality and members' loyalty.

"I am thrilled in particular because even though I have worked in the Randolph Clubs for more than eight years, this was my first time as club manager," she said.

Sharon McDaniel is the wing protocol officer whose job includes advising wing members of proper protocol and procedures, setting up several base visits and organizing ceremonies such as retirements and promotions.

"This is the best protocol shop I've seen," said Col. John Hesterman, 12th FTW commander. "They are my command section's corporate knowledge."

Ms. McDaniel is the point of contact for the change of command ceremonies on base, writing scripts, arranging seating, training escorts and coordinating the itineraries.

"Each and every change of command I've seen has been perfect and the details have been flawless," said Colonel Hesterman.

Ms. McDaniel was picked as the wing co-chair to handle support issues for the USAF Blue Summit Conference, stepping outside her duties to coordinate wing logistics and operations for this major Air Force event.

"Ms. McDaniel is my front line ambassador," said Colonel Hesterman. "There is not a function on Randolph that protocol doesn't touch, from changes of command to special visitors on base - she does it all!"

Ms. McDaniel said she is extremely honored to be recognized by the command for this award.

"Hours and hours of hard work are accomplished by all the protocol offices throughout AETC and I am pleased to represent them all," said Ms. McDaniel.

RFISD budget approved, teachers receive pay increase

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Field Independent School District recently approved its new budget for the 2005-2006 school year.

A \$12,449,175 operating budget was approved by the district's board of trustees. The new budget includes a two percent at midpoint pay increase for all employees.

The board also agreed to continue paying the local

salary supplement for all 2002-2003 RFISD employees whose salaries were reduced because of changes to the state's health payment. The amount of the adjustment will not be determined until after the Texas Legislature completes its work later this month.

The two percent at midpoint salary increase for employees translates into a \$974.27 annual pay increase for all teachers who have not reached the maximum on the base salary schedule. The pay increases would become a part of any increase mandated by the state.

"The district is very fortunate to be able to provide

its students with adequate facilities and exceptional teachers during these difficult financial times," said Dr. Barbara Maddox, RFISD superintendent.

The total Randolph budget for the next school year is \$13,308,024, a figure that includes \$303,349 for debt service to retire outstanding construction debt. The total also includes \$555,500 for capital projects including a bus replacement, elementary school library furniture, telephone upgrades, computers and computer software, laptop computers for freshmen students, shared student classroom computers and computer lab upgrades.

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limit of points an organization can receive.

The winner receives a Battle of the Groups trophy to keep until next year's competition. Individuals participating in the competition also have the chance to receive a token of appreciation.

The base exchange is putting several of its items on sale to support the safety campaign. Some of these items, such as first aid kits, flashlights, safety glasses, fire extinguishers, outlet covers and reflective vests, could be useful in the Battle of the Groups competition. Items will be on sale through Monday.

Last year the Air Force lost 32 members, including one Air Education and Training Command member,

during the period between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day.

According to Ms. Howlett, the wing's greatest potential for a fatal mishap is while operating a privately owned vehicle, four-wheeled and two-wheeled, followed by participation in water-related recreational activities. Wearing seatbelts and life preservers improves the chances of survival in a mishap.

With so many events coming up, such as change of command ceremonies, the

July 4th celebration, the Operational Readiness Inspection and the Air Show, Team Randolph personnel are going to be busy and stressed.

"Keeping our people and our mission safe is the most important thing we can do, not only during the campaign but all year long," said Ms. Howlett. "With the heavy work load, we have to realize people get tired and worn out. We should watch out for and take care of one another."

Awareness is key to detecting, deterring terrorists, criminals

By 1st Lt. LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The September 11 attacks have changed the way the world views security and terrorism. Military installations have increased their security measures, while the airports are banning passengers from carrying everything from metal nail files to cigarette lighters.

Detecting and deterring terrorist or criminal activity is more than just the responsibility of the military, police and the government. Everyone plays a part in keeping work centers, communities and homes safe.

According to base security officials, with terrorism's growing threat in today's world, it is important now more than ever to understand what terrorism is and how to combat it.

"Terrorism is the calculated use of violence or threat of violence to instill fear," said Mance Clark, installation antiterrorism force protection officer. "It is intended to coerce or intimidate governments or societies to meet political, religious or ideological goals."

The base antiterrorism program teaches people how they play a vital role in keeping their base, neighborhoods and communities safe by being vigilant to detect, deter or report possible terrorist or criminal activity.

For example, an Airman driving to work sees a man dressed in military uniform whose vehicle broke down. He decides to stop and offer him a ride, and they head to the base. As they approach the front gate, the driver shows the gate guard his military identification card, and they are granted access to the base.

This may sound like a scenario of

"A RAM (random antiterrorism measure) is periodically taking time out of your day to check around your work area to see if anything or anyone looks out of place. If you see someone walking through your building and they look lost or unfamiliar, don't be afraid to stop and ask them if they need help."

Mance Clark
installation antiterrorism force protection officer

common courtesy to a fellow servicemember, but it is also a scenario of how someone can compromise the safety and security of the installation.

"It is human instinct to want to help someone in need, but you also have to use wisdom," Mr. Clark said. "In this scenario, don't assume the person you're helping is authorized to be on base. When arriving at the gate, the driver should have notified security forces of the situation so they could check the unknown passenger's identification."

Practicing antiterrorism involves using defensive measures to reduce the vulnerability of terrorist acts against people and property, Mr. Clark said. The antiterrorism program is a collective effort designed to keep members of the Department of Defense, their families, facilities and resources safe from terrorist attack.

While it may sound complicated, it's not. Mr. Clark compared the program to the Neighborhood Crime Watch programs people use in residential areas.

He said awareness is the key to making antiterrorism successful. The same way people teach children to be aware of strangers, adults should exercise caution and vigilance, even

on secure military installations.

One way to do this is by practicing random antiterrorism measures, especially at work.

"A RAM is periodically taking time out of your day to check around your work area to see if anything or anyone looks out of place," Mr. Clark said. "If you see someone walking through your building and they look lost or unfamiliar, don't be afraid to stop and ask them if they need help."

People can make themselves victims when they have a set pattern of operation, said Mr. Clark. Randomly changing normal activity gives a person unpredictability.

"Terrorist and criminals operate the same way," he said. "They have rehearsals before executing crimes. Rehearsing the pattern of behavior helps them hone their skills to find weak spots. It is good to occasionally change your daily routine."

The antiterrorism program is one of several security-related programs that fall under the overarching Force Protection and Combating Terrorism programs here.

People interested in getting more information about these programs or ways to protect themselves and their families can call Mr. Clark at 652-1357.

Air Force launches 'AF eMail'

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force began the first phase of a new e-mail system May 6 that will enhance communication of Airmen worldwide.

AF eMail (aka eMail-for-Life) is a single, static e-mail address that will not change during the career of an Airman or Air Force civilian employee.

The current e-mail system, rapid mobility of the force and frequent assignments and career development opportunities outside the Air Force can make it difficult for Airmen to communicate.

"At any given time, we can only reliably connect and communicate with 79 percent of our force through e-mail," said Capt. Kirk Phillips, information technology division chief at the Air Force Senior Leader Management Office.

"E-mail is the most critical communication tool that we're using to implement force development and transform our personnel process. Industry-standard e-business solutions require static e-mail addresses, and that is the direction the Air Force is headed," Captain Phillips said.

Airmen will be able to complete personnel actions in minutes through e-mail and the Internet, along with other benefits, he said.

"Not only is there a huge potential for Air Force cost avoidance, but mission support will be greatly enhanced

by empowering every member to reliably connect and communicate with each other without worry about changing e-mail addresses every couple of years," Captain Phillips said. "We'll be able to transform personnel processes under the Air Force directorate of personnel's personnel service delivery model and empower members and databases to connect and communicate through e-business applications instead of local personnel flights."

Those personnel processes include: official personnel notifications and announcements; command, promotion and professional military education candidacy and selection; and retirement, assignment, evaluation, feedback and decoration processing.

Officials said they plan for the Air Force to be fully capable under AF eMail by 2007. Currently, every senior Air Force official has been provided an account.

"We've segmented the force based on mission requirements and will slowly scale the availability to the entire force versus an all-at-once implementation," Captain Phillips said. "We started with the highest level leaders, and our plan is to offer it to other segments of the force this summer."

During the initial stages, Airmen will continue to use their local or major command e-mail accounts as well as the AF eMail account.

"Until the migration of e-mail accounts happens, it's each member's responsibility to check the AF eMail account on a regular basis," Captain Phillips said. "That's where their career-affecting personnel actions will be."

NEWS BRIEFS

Service station holiday hours

The base service station is closed Monday, but the gas pumps are open for credit card purchases only.

RFISD office summer hours

Summer hours for Randolph Field Independent School District administrative offices start June 6. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offices will be closed on Fridays and also on July 5 for Independence Day. Summer hours are effective through Aug. 12.

Scholarships announced

Willie Taylor, Randolph Commissary store director, announced the local winners of the Scholarships for Military Children. The recipients are are: Luke Diamond, Madison High School; Lawrence Laugusen, Samuel Clemens High School; Sarah Quelly and Timothy Stephens, Randolph High School, and Faith Thompson, Pensacola Christian College.

The Defense Commissary Agency has awarded nearly \$4 million to more than 3,000 students since inception of the program in 2001, agency officials said. The program is funded by manufacturers and suppliers who support the commissaries worldwide and administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

Most common TDY travel voucher errors

The following items are submitted by the base finance office to help people accurately complete travel vouchers.

1. TDY voucher not signed by traveler AND supervisor or approving official
2. Insufficient copies of travel voucher, orders or itemized lodging receipts
3. Missing front or back of temporary duty travel orders
4. Missing billeting non-availability authorization
5. Owner block not checked for POV mileage claim
6. Missing privately owned vehicle miles traveled to and from airport
7. Incomplete or unclear itinerary information
8. Missing mandatory government travel card split disbursement amount
9. Missing receipts for fees or services used
10. Missing e-mail address in Block 6e

For questions, call Master Sgt. Anita Miles at 652-1851 or 2nd Lt. Shellie Daniels at 652-4861.

Military Appreciation Month



Tech. Sgt. Sophia Reed, a reservist augmenting the 12th Security Forces Squadron, checks an ID at the east gate. (Photos by Steve White)



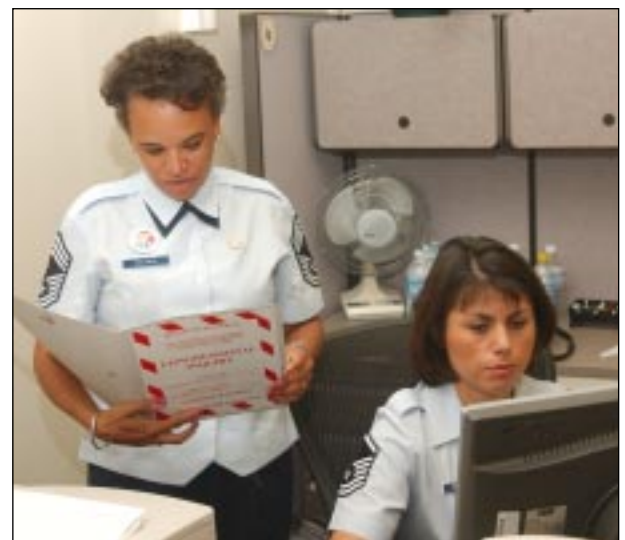
Jason Ward prepares chemicals in the 12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron's laboratory.



Staff Sgt. Jeaneen Spears, a dental technician in the 12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, takes the blood pressure of 2nd Lt. Brett Goebel, 562nd Flying Training Squadron.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month to honor the men and women serving in the armed forces.

The photos on this page represent the variety of jobs and services Randolph Airmen have done for the past 75 years to support the "Showplace of the Air Force."



Chief Master Sgt. Glenda Solomon and Master Sgt. Eva Rutledge, 12th Flying Training Wing Inspector General office, prepare for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.



Senior Airman Melissa Garza, 12th Mission Support Squadron customer service element, files records.

Children at play: drivers reminded to use caution

By Master Sgt. Joseph Del Frate
12th Security Forces Squadron

As the school year comes to a close, children living on base begin to enjoy their summer vacation by playing outside, riding bicycles, skateboarding and rollerblading.

To increase safety, drivers should be

cautious when driving around housing areas, playgrounds, parks and other areas where children play, including ball fields, tennis courts and the youth center.

Drivers should be cautious of bicyclists and pedestrians in parking lots and keep an eye out for children crossing streets at locations other than crosswalks.

Driving at or below the posted speed limit is one of the best ways to increase community safety. Obeying the speed limit provides drivers more time to react to potentially hazardous situations.

Compliance with speed limits is the law and security forces are enforcing the speed limit.

Penalties for speeding on base range from non-judicial punishment for active

duty military to collateral fines, ranging from \$35 to \$105, for retired military and civilian employees.

The speed limit on base is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. The exceptions are housing areas (15 mph), service drives and parking lots (5 mph), base exchange and commissary access roads (10 mph) and Perimeter Road (35 mph).

Commissary provides lower cost grocery option

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

May is observed as Commissary Awareness Month, and the base commissary wants Randolph Airmen to take advantage of its many benefits.

The theme for Commissary Awareness Month is "It's Your Choice, Make It Healthy," which emphasizes the commissary as the place to shop for a wide selection of produce and nutritious foods.

"We encourage Airmen to take advantage of the commissary because we offer them real savings on their food purchases every day," said Willie Taylor, Randolph Commissary store director. "And with the commissary's selection, shoppers can find what they are looking for, conveniently, without having to leave the base."

The total savings on food purchases at the commissary enables military members to have money left over to spend on other necessities, said Mr. Taylor. It's a benefit they have earned, and the more they shop on base, the more they can save.

Local Air Force inspectors inspect commissary items, said Mr. Taylor, to ensure every product purchased is of the best quality.

"The commissary offers something for everyone," said Mr. Taylor. "Whether you need to pick up something quick for dinner, tackle a grocery list or you need deli meat for an office function, we are available seven days a week."

The commissary is under construction to make the shopping needs of its patrons better, said Mr. Taylor. The changes to the commissary include improving the stores décor and increasing retail floor space.

"The changes to the commissary will bring a modern, state of the art store to Randolph," said Mr. Taylor. "The construction is scheduled to be complete in early spring 2006."

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 280 commissaries to provide groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a secure environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the cost of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.



Airman 1st Class Demetria McGarity shops for items at the base commissary. (Photo by Steve White)

Stop osteoporosis with detection, prevention

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Studies show about 10 million Americans have osteoporosis and another 40 million are at risk to develop it within their lifetime. The good news is there are prevention techniques to help decrease the probability of becoming one of those statistics.

Osteoporosis is often called the 'silent disease' because bone loss occurs without symptoms, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

People may not know they have osteoporosis until their bones become so weak that a sudden strain, bump or fall may cause a fracture or a vertebrae to collapse. A collapsed vertebrae can initially feel like a severe back pain or result in loss of height or spinal deformities such as stooped posture.

Certain factors can increase the likelihood of developing osteoporosis. These include fractures after the age of 50, low bone mass, small body frame and inactive lifestyle.

Females are also more likely to

develop bone loss. Women can lose up to 20 percent of their bone mass in five to seven years after menopause, making them more susceptible to osteoporosis, according to the NOF.

Detection is key. Specialized tests measuring bone density can detect osteoporosis before a fracture occurs and can predict the chances of a fracture occurring in the future.

One in two women and one in four men over age 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their remaining lifetime. Osteoporosis is responsible for more than 1.5 million

fractures annually, including more than 300,000 hip fractures and about 250,000 wrist fractures.

Building strong bones during childhood can be the best defense against developing osteoporosis, according to the NOF. People can change their lifestyle accordingly by maintaining a balanced diet high in calcium and Vitamin D, performing weight-bearing exercises and avoiding smoking and drinking alcohol in excess.

For more information on osteoporosis, visit www.nof.org.

Cover to cover

Adventures await children in summer reading program

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The weather is getting warmer and the library is offering a cool place for kids to come and hang out to beat the summer heat.

The Randolph Library Summer Reading Program kicks off Sunday with the theme "Search for Treasure with Captain Book."

The program is geared toward children in kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Sign-up starts Sunday but children can register for the program anytime during the summer.

Participants will receive a goody bag with tropical treats, a treasure hunt library activity book and a reading log to record the books they read. The reading log looks like a treasure chest and the children can fill it in at home.

Beginning June 6, children can start logging the books they read and report in to the "captain of the ship" every time they visit the library. There will be a new treat, activity or game every week until the end of the program.

The program is open to Department of Defense dependent children who recently completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

"The program had 225 participants last year, and we expect and hope to see more this year," said Cynthia Huddleston, library technical information specialist.

At the end of the program, Captain Book is throwing a Pirate Party for all participants July 29 at 3 p.m.



Patrick Hayden reads a book at the base library. (Photo by Javier Garcia)

"Our summer reading program is intended to bring excitement to the idea of reading and using the library," said Ms. Huddleston. "If children spend the months out of school reading for their own pleasure, they will learn to associate books with good times. In the program, children can read what they choose for their own enjoyment."

Story time for the younger children continues

every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. At story time, children sing, play, do crafts and enjoy stories. Children up to preschool age and their caregivers are encouraged to join the library story times.

For more information on the program or about the library, visit www.rafbllibrary.org and click on the "Upcoming Events" link or call 652-2617.

Airmen's Attic enters cyber space

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Starting Wednesday, the Airmen's Attic will be closing its doors, but opening a new way to get items. The Airmen's Attic is going virtual, making it easier for members to look for an item they want or donate an item they no longer need. "The Airmen's Attic program is more than 40 years old," said Ms. Nichols. "Offering a virtual product for our community allows us to serve more people and is less time intensive for staff." The Airmen's Attic gives Randolph members a chance to donate items such as kitchenware, electronics and furniture to other servicemembers who need them. "If someone just moved to the base, they may need basic items such as a coffee table or dishes," said Saundra Nichols, relocation assistance center manager. "This program gives members the chance to get items

they need for free from other members who may be moving or can no longer use the items. This service also saves members money." People who want to donate items can either call or e-mail the relocation assistance center with the item's description. They can also e-mail a photo of the item if they have one. The relocation assistance center staff posts the items on the site. To utilize the service, Randolph members must go to the relocation assistance center and use the center's computer to look at photos and descriptions for items they want. The site can only be viewed using the center's computer. The computer is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and no appointment is needed. Once people find an item they want on the Web site, they can use the contact information next to the item to get in touch with the donor and arrange a pick-up time. Items will be left on the Web site until the donor contacts the relocation assistance center to say the

items are no longer available. "We realize most people want to get rid of items right away, but we encourage those donating to please plan accordingly by contacting us at least a couple of weeks before they want their items posted," said Ms. Nichols. "This gives us time to upload the items to the database as well as an adequate amount of time for the process to work." This is the first time in the Air Force the Airmen's Attic program has gone virtual, said Ms. Nichols. The idea came from a recent 12th Mission Support Squadron meeting. "We wanted a way to make the program even better than it is," said Ms. Nichols. "We brainstormed some ideas and decided this would be the best way to keep the Airmen's Attic program going strong." Uniforms can still be donated to the relocation assistance center. This service continues to be available for personnel of all ranks on a daily basis. To place an item on the site, call 652-3060 or e-mail information to RandolphFSC@randolph.af.mil.

Dorm council supports base Airmen

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

About 126 enlisted dorm residents live on Randolph. When they have a concern or problem, they turn to the dorm council for help. The Randolph Dorm Council meets once a month to discuss past and current concerns or situations within the dorm, making sure the quality of life for the enlisted Airmen is up to speed. "Our main goal is to make sure the dorm residents on base have everything they need while they live on Randolph," said Airman 1st Class Alex Larsen, dorm council president. Everyone is invited to attend the monthly dorm council meetings, said Airman Larsen. "Everyone is welcome to voice any concerns they may have or just sit and listen," said Airman Larsen. "We make time for everyone who has an issue they would like addressed." Dorm resident Airman 1st Class Alex Schaub thinks the dorm council is beneficial. "Everyone listens and looks out for one another at the meetings," said Airman Schaub. "The council helps everything work out for the better."



The Randolph Dorm Council held its monthly meeting May 19 to discuss concerns and situations within the base dorms. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

Airman Larsen said the dorm council is important because it is the chance for the residents to come together, meet and discuss different situations. "The council includes Airmen that are the same rank as the residents," said Airman Larsen. "When someone is the same rank as you, it is easier to talk to them and easier to voice concerns." When concerns arise that need to go through a

chain of command, Airman Larsen said, they have never had any problems. The concerns are voiced to dormitory management and the 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant. "Our commanders work with us to fix any problems the dorm residents may have," said Airman Larsen. The dorm council meets every third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in Building 977. For more information, call Airman Larsen at 652-3256.

Bicycle safety stressed for base members, residents

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

With summer vacation on the way, the Randolph streets will soon be filled with bicyclists of all ages. No matter the age, people must follow safety rules when riding bicycles on base, according to Air Force instructions, safety guidelines and Air Education and Training Command policy. Everyone riding bicycles on base must wear an approved bicycle helmet, said Robert Vickers, 12th Security Forces Squadron chief of installation security. People should ride bicycles as close to the side of the roadway as possible and should ride with the flow of traffic on the right side of the road. "Bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as motorists," said Mr. Vickers. "They should obey all traffic control devices such as lights, crosswalks and signs." Bicyclists are reminded during peak traffic times they should stay clear of Third Street West and Fifth Street East. Motor vehicle traffic on these streets is too heavy for a cyclist to navigate safely. People should not ride more than two bicycles side-by-side and should remember bicycles will only carry the amount of people they are designed for. "It is not safe for children, for example, to ride on



Emily Blauvelt puts on her bike helmet before riding. (Photo by Dave Terry)

the handlebars of their friend's bicycle," said Mr. Vickers. "If there is only one seat, then only one rider should be on the bike." If riding after dark on base, bicycles must be

Bicycle Safety Tips

1. Wear a helmet. (required on base)
2. Wear reflective gear.
3. Avoid biking at night. Use headlights and taillights or reflectors.
4. Stay alert and always keep a lookout for obstacles in the path.
5. Go with the flow. The safe way is the right way.
6. Be aware of traffic.
7. Learn the rules of the road and obey traffic laws.
8. Make sure the bicycle is adjusted properly.
9. Check the brakes before riding.
10. The wheels should be securely fastened.

equipped with a headlight and either a taillight or a reflector. Reflectors must be visible and remain uncovered at all times. The 12th SFS monitors bicyclists on base to make sure they are complying with the rules. If they find otherwise, they can issue citations to violators. First offenders receive a warning ticket. Second offenders receive a letter of warning or two points assessed against their driving record. Letters of warning are issued to the sponsor if the bike rider is a dependent. On the third and subsequent offenses, actions are taken as deemed appropriate by the 12th Mission Support Group deputy commander. For more information on bike safety, call 652-5600.

Golf shop offers merchandise, restaurant

By Karen Krull
12th Services Division

Hidden in the oak trees on the perimeter of Randolph are the Golf Course Pro Shop and Fairway Inn Grill. The pro shop offers merchandise as well as services while the Fairway Inn Grill offers a menu of popular homestyle meals.

The pro shop carries golfing equipment including a full line of balls, clubs, bags and shoes. Selected items are on sale in May for 30 percent below the original price, including woods, irons, wedges and putters.

"This is one of the best sales we've had in a while," said Troy Gann, Randolph Golf Course director. "We have some great, brand name equipment on sale that was priced competitively before the sale. These items should go fast with Father's Day just around the corner."

For golf instruction, customers can make an appointment for lessons with one of the "Swing Doctors," Brian Cannon or Charles Bishop.

Youth clinics are also offered through the pro shop. The golf course is hosting an Air Education and Training Command Youth Golf Program clinic June 20-24 from 8 a.m. to noon for children ages 8-16.

Participants must sign up in person so measurements may be taken to ensure the right fitting clubs are used. Space is limited, therefore advance registration is required.

The Fairway Inn Grill, located just outside the pro shop, serves breakfast Monday through Friday at 6 a.m. and lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. These include chicken strips on Mondays, meatloaf on Tuesdays, spaghetti on Wednesdays, chicken fried steak on Thursdays and pork chops on Fridays.

The pro shop and Fairway Inn Grill are open daily from 6 a.m. to dusk.

For more information, or reservations, call 652-4653.

Bowling center heats up summer with lower prices

By Karen Krull
12th Services Division

"We are excited the bowling center can offer these reduced rates for the entire summer," said Bill Baker, bowling center manager. People can have great fun for less while avoiding the summer heat in the air-conditioned bowling center."

Bill Baker
bowling center manager

Randolph's Bowling Center has new, reduced prices starting Wednesday.

Adults can bowl for \$1.75 per game. Youths, ages 17 and under, and seniors, ages 55 and older, can bowl for \$1.50 per game. On Sundays and holidays, everyone can bowl for \$1.50 per game.

To kick off the summer specials, the bowling center will have Red Head Pin Bowling Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bowlers who get a strike when the "Red Head Pin" is in the number one position receive a free game pass to use on a return visit.

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can offer these reduced rates for the entire summer," said Bill Baker, bowling center manager. "People can have great fun for less while avoiding the summer heat in the air-conditioned bowling center."

Thunder Alley bowling is Saturday

nights from 8 p.m. to midnight for \$3 per game for adults and \$2 for youth, ages 17 and under. Thunder Alley has concert-like sound, high-tech lighting and glow-in-the-dark equipment for electrifying entertainment.

Summer leagues are also forming.

The Scratch Doubles league meets Tuesdays and consists of any two adult bowlers. Wednesday's league is the American Heroes league, and Thursday is the Coughatta Casino Summer Bowling league for adults.

The first 24 teams to sign up for the Coughatta Casino league will enjoy a bus trip to the Grand Coughatta Casino in Kinder, La., at the end of the season.

For more information on leagues, call the bowling center at 652-6271.

Lane hours for June through August are: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to midnight, Saturday from noon to midnight, and Sunday and holidays from 1-9 p.m.

Feature

Champions at any age: 160 marathons and still running, two buddies lengthen their stride

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

They entered the Army the same month in 1942 and retired from the Air Force the same day in 1974. Their paths never crossed during those years but now, at age 85, they walk two miles together every day on Randolph.

The story would be amazing enough if these two men were just sharing good times on the base running track, but they are also champions in every sense of the word.

Bill Hamm entered Army aviation cadet training in 1942 and flew P-40s, C-54s, C-97s, C-133s and C-130s during a career which included a tour as an instructor pilot on Randolph. While stationed in the Pentagon in 1972, he was encouraged to start a regular program of exercise for himself and his staff. Since Mr. Hamm was a California state champion distance runner during his high school years, the idea of distance running again was a natural step.

"With encouragement from my wife Jean, I started a regular training plan working up to my first marathon run," Mr. Hamm said.



Champion runners John Calvaresi (left) and Bill Hamm, Air Force retirees, share their daily workout on the Randolph jogging track Tuesday. (Photo by Steve White)

Over the next 10 years, he competed in eight 26-mile marathon runs.

He encountered some serious health problems in 1982 and part of his therapy was regular physical activity,

so he began training for the triathlon. The alternate challenges of swimming, bicycling and running fit well with his recovery plan and he was soon on his way to competition again.

He took the triathlon national championship awards for his age group in 1986, 1989, 1990 and 1991. The last of these qualified him for world-level competition where he came in first at the age of 72 with a time of 3 hours 14 minutes in the combined 1-mile swim, 25-mile bicycle and 10-kilometer run.

Mr. Hamm's "running buddy" today is John Calvaresi. Mr. Calvaresi entered the Army in 1942 and was trained as an aircraft mechanic. When the opportunity came to change career fields, he became a personnel specialist, serving several tours at Randolph at Air Training Command and the Air Force Personnel Center. He retired here in 1974 from the 3510th Flying Training Squadron personnel office.

Growing up, Mr. Calvaresi was a city boy who walked everywhere.

"In fact, when I got married at age 34, I had never yet driven a car," he said. "I was always in good shape, but never considered running in competition until I was 46 years old."

Today, the slightly built 85-year old has had 160 marathons zip along under his running shoes.

Mr. Calvaresi recently had steroid shots in both knees to alleviate the effects of arthritis, but he still keeps up the regular two-mile walks on Randolph with his buddy three or more mornings a week. Mr. Hamm uses a sleek, four-wheeled walker on his run so his back problems won't keep him from their shared routine.

Their memories may be a little foggy at times and they take stairs more slowly, but nothing has dimmed their enthusiasm or their sense of humor.

"The marathon?" Mr. Calvaresi laughed. "Well, it's a journey of the mind, body and soul all working together. Now after our two miles it's just great for the body to get a hot shower and a clean towel at the base gym. The folks at the gym are really good to us. We appreciate them!"

Mr. Hamm echoes with his own words of wisdom.

"Set goals for your physical training program and keep written records of your progress," he said. "Vary your daily routines and don't wear the same running shoes every day. That's the way to avoid injuries."

HONOR GUARD

to regard with great dignity; to esteem to keep vigilant watch; protect, defend



Randolph Honor Guard members practice folding the flag as part of funeral honors. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

The final guardians of dignity ensure a just and proper end for America’s sons and daughters

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The responsibility of showing pride and honor in the most somber environments falls on the shoulders of 66 Airmen here.

These Airmen are members of the Randolph Honor Guard who represent the base and Air Force by performing military honors at active-duty and veteran funerals.

"In some cases, we are the only representation of Randolph and the Air Force that many people see, making our job all the more important," said Master Sgt. Anthony Gardner, base honor guard superintendent.

The honor guard has three flights, A,B and C, each consisting of 22 people.

Honor guard members have an 18-month commitment with a 30-day rotation. For 30 days, one flight reports to the honor guard facility, one flight reports to their duty section, and the other flight reports to their duty section but is on-call with the honor guard. The flights rotate every 30 days.

"The primary duty of the honor guard is to perform military honors at funerals," said Sergeant Gardner. "We perform anywhere from 18-48 honors per month."

Last year, the honor guard performed at more than 700 funerals. Their area of responsibility covers 48,000 square miles, ranging from South San Antonio to mid-Dallas. Randolph is one of the few bases that has the responsibility of providing funeral honors at the two national cemeteries, Houston National Cemetery and Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

The honor guard also supports group level and above change of command ceremonies, as well as civic requests. Due to Air Force streamlining and base

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downsizing, the honor guard only performs at certain ceremonies on base.

"The units that have a requirement for color guard support for a squadron event or for a flag presentation for a retirement ceremony can request training from the base honor guard," said Sergeant Gardner. "As the resident experts, we are more than happy to provide the necessary training to assist in making sure their event is successful. Just because we don't perform at certain events, doesn't mean we can't help."

When they first start, the honor guard members receive a week-long training focusing on performing military honors. Afterwards, they receive periodic training one day per week until they come on rotation with their assigned flight. This ensures what they learn is kept fresh in their minds, said the sergeant.

Members assigned to the flight that initially reports to their duty section for the first 30-day rotation still have to maintain their training. This ensures when the time comes to perform at a funeral, they will be ready.

"It takes about three months, including the one week of training and periodic training, for a member to get the process down perfectly," said Sergeant Gardner. "We make sure everyone knows the routine like the back of their hand."

"In a funeral environment, we use our 'power

memory' to concentrate on what we are doing at the funeral. We train ourselves not to think about anything else," said Sergeant Gardner. "We realize what our focus and purpose is at that time and remember it."

The honor guard is made up of a mixture of volunteers and those sent by their units.

"Those members who are sent by their units to come on duty for the honor guard may not always want to come at first, but once they realize the mission, they don't want to leave," said Sergeant Gardner. "Everyone has always made the best of their time here - I have yet to hear one complaint."

Tech. Sgt. Alando Respress is the flight sergeant for B-Flight on the base honor guard, and has been a volunteer member for the past 10 months.

"I volunteered because I wanted to give something back to those who have served," said Sergeant Respress.

Sergeant Gardner was the first senior NCO to join the Randolph Honor Guard and serve as a member on a flight. He joined for a different reason.

"My father passed away in February 2001 after serving 26 years in the Army," he said. "The honor guard that rendered the honors at his funeral didn't perform very well, which I concluded was from a lack of training."

"Experiencing the funeral from the family's point of view makes you realize how important it is that the honors given to the deceased are as professional as possible," he added. "At that moment I wanted to join the honor guard to make a difference and give every person the honor and respect they deserve."

Sergeant Gardner said he tries to paint that picture for his troops everyday to make them realize how important their presence is at a funeral.

"Honor guard members get the opportunity to make a difference," said the sergeant. "The training may be intense at times, but the experience is well worth it."

"Hand-picked to serve as a member of the Randolph AFB Honor Guard, my standards of conduct and level of professionalism must be above approach, for I represent all others in my service."

The first line of the Base Honor Guard Creed

Canine Warriors

*Facing danger,
military working dogs
add teeth to
security forces mission*

Military working dog Cora

By Renee Bassett
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

They bark and they can bite, but most of the time the military working dogs that patrol alongside members of the security forces squadron here quietly go about the business of giving Randolph an added measure of protection and detection.

The 12th Security Forces Military Working Dog Unit has been on the beat at Randolph since April 2003 and recently added a sixth dog to the team.

The dogs come from the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Center at Lackland AFB. Military working dogs typically come from both domestic and international vendors and must go through a battle of tests before they are even considered for the military working dog training course.

A good candidate, male or female, is a dog between 12 and 36 months old, weighing at least 55 pounds, standing at least 22 inches tall at the shoulders and in good physical condition. Military working dogs are typically Belgian Malinois and German Shepherds because of their intensity, intelligence and ability to work hard.

Potential candidates also undergo extensive temperament and physical evaluations. They are tested for gun shyness, aggressiveness and searching behavior. Their physical examination includes a blood test for heartworm disease, radiographs of their hips and elbows and a thorough physical examination from head to tail. Only temperamentally and physically sound dogs will make the cut for the program.

The military working dog formal training at Lackland is five months long for the dogs and almost three months long for the handlers.

The training program begins by establishing the handler-dog relationship through constant close association such as feeding, grooming, exercise and play. This interaction between dog and handler will help the dog to develop its natural instinct for companionship.

"You bond with the dog by building rapport and getting to know each other," said Tech.



Staff Sgt. Nathan Combs exercises his military working dog partner, Teri, over hurdles. Sergeant Combs and Teri have been working together for three months.

Sgt. Lorenzo Cortez, kennel master.

After the bond between handler and dog has formed, basic obedience training is introduced. This training is very

similar to the type of obedience classes people take their family dogs to, except it never stops. Most of the success of this training falls on the handler's shoulders. The handler must display patience and firmness through repetition, reward and correction at all times so as not to confuse or irritate the dog.

Rewards and punishments are the key to teaching a dog right from wrong. When the dog responds correctly, it is rewarded with food, play toys or verbal praise. When the dog responds incorrectly, no reward is given.

Dogs are taught from the very beginning not to ignore a command or leave one incomplete. This teaches the dog the only correct response is total obedience and only total obedience will be rewarded.

After obedience training the dog begins advanced training. This phase includes controlled aggression, building and open-area searches, intruder detection, sniper detection and air base defense. The dogs are certified in either explosive or narcotic detection and patrol by the end of this training.

Once the initial training program is over, military working dogs must still maintain a certain level of training throughout their careers.

"Every month they have to fill training standards in order for them to stay proficient," said Staff Sgt. Keith Moos, military working dog handler. "It takes the dogs a few weeks to train in detecting new odors in explosives or narcotics."

Handler Staff Sgt. Sean Neisen said the dogs are an added benefit to the security forces.

Each of Randolph's six handlers is assigned a military working dog and spends an average of 10-11 hours a day with their dogs. Together, they patrol potential areas for explosives, visit highly populated buildings and locations for drugs and help maintain security at Randolph's gates.

"If someone is not cooperating, then the dog is employed and is released to apprehend a suspect running away," Sergeant Neisen said. "The dog is also trained to attack on or off the leash, with or without command."

In addition to their work on base, the handlers and dogs help local police departments and school districts in explosive detection and support drug detection programs for the United States Customs when needed, Sergeant Cortez said. They also



Staff Sgt. Sean Neisen fends off an 'attack' by military working dog Teri, who weighs 74 pounds. (Photos by Steve White)

augment Secret Service operations.

The average career of a military working dog is about 10-12 years, said Sergeant Cortez. They are usually retired because of old age or health problems.

Dogs that are no longer able to perform patrol duties are first looked at to determine if they are needed back at Lackland to train new handlers. Most dogs who don't return to Lackland are adopted by law enforcement agencies, former dog handlers or other qualified people.



Staff Sgt. Keith Moos and his military working dog partner, Cora, inspect a truck. The pair have been working together for two years.

SPORTS BRIEFS

AETC golf tournament

The 3rd Annual Air Education and Training Command Logistics Readiness Division "Spring Fling" golf tournament begins June 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the Olympia Hills Golf Course. The format is a 4-person Florida scramble (select shot).

The \$55 fee includes green fees, cart, food and drink, and unlimited range balls. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Sign up by June 15.

For more information or to sign up, contact Master Sgt. Shaun Derry at 652-3905 or Senior Master Sgt. John Maples at 652-5697.

Registration for disc golf tournament

The 6th Annual Air Force and Civilian Disc Golf Tournament is June 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost of registration is \$25, except for Airmen, technical sergeant and below and civilian equivalents.

Registration is still open. E-mail 2nd Lt. Angelic Cardenas at Angelic.Cardenas@randolph.af.mil or call 652-4407.

Men's ice hockey team forming

A men's ice hockey team is forming on base. It is a non-competitive, recreational league that meets off base.

Those interested in joining the league can call Brad Barrier at 565-4283 or e-mail him at brad.barrier@randolph.af.mil.

"Passport to Fitness" program

On Wednesday fitness center visitors can pick up their "Passport to Fitness," to travel the "fitness world." From cardio to weight training to yoga, people can get stamps for all the "countries" they visit.

People receive a prize once the passport is full. Passports are due by June 30.

Golf specials

The Monday Super Twilight Golf Special and weekday Reduced Family Golf Special runs through Sept. 30.

Mondays at noon, people can golf for a \$7 green fee and pay \$5 per person for a cart.



GOLF STANDINGS

as of May 18

TEAM	POINTS
AFSAT/SVS	13.5
19 AF	13.5
12 LRD	13.0
AETC/SC CSS	8.5
AFMA	6.5
AFPC	5.5
12 CS	5.0
AFRS	4.0
AETC DO-IG	2.5
AETC LG	0.0

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY